



The Steeple

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St. Luke's Parish Survey in the Mail!!

Your copy of the Parish Survey will be arriving in the mail this week! *We did our part now we need you to do your part.*

We respectfully ask that you give prayerful consideration and deep reflection as you complete the Parish Survey. We need your perspectives and priorities; your ideas and concerns; and most importantly, your hearts and minds.

The Search Committee shared this prayer at our Parish Survey Kickoff. We ask that you join us in this prayer.

Most gracious God, thank you for gathering your faithful here today for fellowship and reflection. We are so grateful for the blessings you have bestowed on this parish especially with the service of Fr Lee Stephens as our rector these past 20 years.

Now, Father, it is time to find a new spiritual leader to guide us. We are here together today to further this process. We know, Father, that you have already chosen a path for St Luke's. We pray earnestly for your guidance in seeking out Your plan for us. We ask You to send the Holy Spirit to fill each of our hearts and minds as we fill out our parish survey that it may be a reflection of who we truly are at St Luke's and will be helpful in leading us to find the new rector who will lead us on this path.

Father we ask that You bless the hearts of each member of our parish family to ease this transition for them.

All this we ask through our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Parish Survey is due on July 11th

ST. LUKE'S PARISH SURVEY RESPONSE RATE



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✓ Important Dates To Remember

Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays Summer Program for our children continues Wed., through July 27 (see pg. 3)

20th Anniversary Reception for Parish Secretary Ann Bell, Sun., July 10, 12pm, MH



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 5:30pm.



I received word that Cheri Doty had died on Sunday morning just before the Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. For weeks I, along with others, visited Cheri in both the hospital and Adams Parc. She had struggled with her health before she broke her hip. Since then she had been on a rollercoaster ride that was winding down. We thought her time had come last Wednesday and her sons were called to be their Mother. Cheri had rallied when I saw her on Thursday morning. When the sons arrived, everything was much improved and everyone had a good time with her reliving old memories. She also had visits with some longtime friends.

Even so, I was not surprised when the call came that Cheri had died – deeply saddened, but not surprised. Preparing for the service, I wrote her name in the Prayers of the People – this time in the portion where we remember those who had died. To some degree my sadness was cushioned by memories of this kind and gentle lady – Cheri Doty.

Fr. Sean was the Celebrant for the service and arrived to vest just in time for the procession. He was shocked to hear the news – indeed disturbed by the news with little time to talk. We got through the Liturgy of the Word and were passing the Peace. As we hugged, he whispered something like, “The news about Cheri really hurts.” To which I responded, “I know. Welcome to the Priesthood.”

As a priest I often have the honor and privilege of caring for people as they are dying and supporting the family and friends. The need is usually pretty clear even though the circumstances are different. At the same time my heart is often saddened as I grieve the loss of a parishioner who is also a friend. So I am grateful for my “calling” as a priest. And, I am also very familiar with the cost. I wouldn’t have it any other way. That is something Fr. Sean is learning – is experiencing.

So, on Friday we will celebrate the life and faith of Cheri Doty. Then on Saturday we will celebrate the life and faith of Linda Cabbage. These are two incredible people who have touched and blessed many lives in the course of their journeys – especially at St. Luke’s. They have helped make us who we are as a parish. They have been “Prisms” of Christ for us.

In staff meeting we were talking about our new pictorial directory which will be done in September – we need a new one after seven years – the addition of new people – and the loss of those have moved or died. There was a suggestion that we could have a page in “memory” of people who were a part of the parish family in the past and contributed to our life together. Well, that sounds good, but where do you stop?

This started me thinking about nineteen and a half years of funerals – of celebrating/observing the Requiem Mass here at St. Luke’s. According to the “Big Red Book” of records (Parish Register), there have been 236 funerals. Looking at the names, I am reminded of so many friends who were vital to the life of our parish over the years. And yes, we grieved and celebrated the life and faith of each them. Once again I know I am blessed to be a priest – what a privilege. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, July 3, 2016

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II

Monday, July 4, 2016

Independence Day, church office closed
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

3:00-5:30pm Wonderful Wacky
Wednesday

Thursday, July 7, 2016

6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, July 8, 2016

Saturday, July 9, 2016

Sunday, July 10, 2016

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II
12:00pm 20yr Anniversary Reception
for Ann Bell, MH

Monday, July 11, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist



With Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and prayers to Don Doty (2407 Kyle Ct., Bartlesville, OK 74006) and family on the death of his wife, *Cheri Doty*, on Sunday, June 26, 2016. Funeral services for Mrs. Doty will be Friday, July 1, 10:30am at St. Luke’s.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED Create for Mission Day

Friday, July 8, 9:30am-2pm

Oak Park United Methodist

601 NW Brentwood Dr., Lunch \$5

We will be cutting and sewing lap quilts, bibs, pillows and catheter covers that will be distributed to area nursing homes. We will also be assembling hygiene and school kits for Church World Services for local, national and international disaster sites.

All women are invited – we need sewers, cutters, pinners, pressers, pillow stuffers and assemblers. You may bring your sewing machine, serger, fabric scissors, rotary cutters & cutting mats. Questions? Contact Mary Burns, 918-331-7297.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers

(Names on the Prayer List are rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

Evelyn, Spence, Mike, Scott, Jim, Geir, Hugh, Carolyn, Mary, Georgia, Bob, Glenn, Mark, Becky, Steve, Jeff, Camilla, Natalie, Shelly, Helen, Max, Emma, Sue, Jean, all members of our armed forces and their families.

If you have a prayer request, contact our Prayer Ministry

Coordinator Thelma Blackburn 918-333-7902 or TPBGEN@aol.com or the church office at 918-336-1212 or annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.



What's Happened and What's Ahead with W.W.W..... (Wonderful/Wild Wacky Wednesdays)

Two weeks down and 5 to go! We kicked off Wild Wacky Wednesdays at the Olsen's property and cooled off in the creek! It was a wonderful afternoon making terrariums, eating ants on a log, singing and splashing in the water. Last week we had our first Godly Play story about World Communion and made our very own mandalas. Each week we had approximately 18-20 kids and even enjoyed meeting new friends. Our theme this week is "Let Your Light Shine!" Our afternoon will be filled with making kaleidoscopes and a mini talent show. Stay tuned for more news and Wild Wacky updates.

June 29	"Let Your Light Shine"	Sooner Park
July 5	"The Earth is Rich with Life"	Tents outside of St. Luke's
July 13	"Harmony-How We Live Together"	St. Luke's
July 20	"Peace Be with You"	St. Luke's
July 27	End of WWW Bash	Frontier Pool

(More details to come)



Hello, the Parish Administrator is still here, but I have not had a lot of newsy things of late.

However, I have a bit of news this week.

First, I have had the main north entry doors adjusted such that they don't whack you from behind when closing and then they softly meet the frame instead of banging! It is a work of mechanical beauty and a small thing, but I like to claim all accomplishments, large or small.

Second, when you see Jim Grillot, thank him for mowing our grass in Hugh Harrison's absence. Speaking of Hugh, his knee rehab seems to be going very well!

Finally, when Hugh was still around, he and I got a bit too exuberant with the fertilizing of the grass in the courtyard, resulting in some brown spots. Fortunately, the Zoysia grass is pretty resilient and with some attention by Margaret and some increased watering, the spots will again be green before long.

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Soul of a Musician

Last Friday evening we had the privilege of receiving a different type of witness; the witness of faith through lyrics and music imparted through the media of a secular artist. While B. Sterling is a Christian man, his music is considered and categorized as secular folk song. Here's the interesting part of all of this: Every song struck a chord resounding in implicit faith. Sterling sang his soul to us and told his story of pain, joy and comedy in a manner to which we are typically unaccustomed. His ability to engage us on musical, spiritual and human levels impacted me in ways I had not imagined possible.

In short, he showed us the soul of a musician. Dolores McCreary does this weekly through her composition of Christian music and her ability to sense the musicality of liturgical worship and what it can mean to us. Few, if any, Christian music ministers do it better than she does. B did it in an entirely different arena: There was no altar, there was a stage; there were no candles, there were flickering LED lights set to strobe with the beat; there were no parishioners, there were eager people hungry to here words and melodies weaved together creating a tapestry of art that was almost palpable. But it was all church in the end.

What Dolores does every day in our Christian lives, showing us melodies explicitly written to disseminate the sung gospel, is a true blessing—one that I will miss upon my departure from this place. What B did was also a blessing—enabling us to hear the gospel through different tones and words not normally associated with faith. In that light, I hope you will join us again for the next Soul of a Musician series event that will be planned soon. It gives us another way to encounter God unexpectedly yet beautifully, with arms wide open to receive his message of faith hope and love. We often use art to describe how we feel but we sometimes forget to just sit back and receive it, letting it wash over us and move us in ways unexpected.

B. was a blessing to us last Friday. Dolores is a blessing to us daily. I look forward to the next time and I hope you'll join me in discovering the next Soul of a Musician.

Faithfully,
Sean+



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DIRECTORIES
AND PORTRAITS

Coming soon to a Metcalf Hall near
you...PHOTOSHOOT! We are having a new
directory made and we need your help! Please try
to be available one of the days between

Tuesday through Thursday, September 13-15 so that we can take your picture professionally. More details to come, stay tuned!



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 7/3/16 through 7/10/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
July 3
Servers
 Harald Borg, Robert Boyle
Torchbearers
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle
July 10
Servers
 David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell
Torchbearers
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, July 3
 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30;
 Galatians 6:7-16;
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Music for Sunday, July 3
 #680 – "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
 #597 – "O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines"
 #719 – "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"
 #304 – "I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord"
 #718 – "God of Our Fathers"

Greeters
Sunday, July 3
8:00am
 Don Davidson
10:30am
 Jo Oertle, Thelma Blackburn
Sunday, July 10
8:00am
 Don Doty
10:30am
 Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg

Ushers
Sunday, July 3
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons
Sunday, July 10
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp
10:30am
 Brian Ferguson, *volunteer needed**
 *Contact Steve Clark, 918-914-9662

Layreaders
Sunday, July 3
8:00am
 Scott Williams, Nick Conner
10:30am
 Lauren Green, Bob Wesneski
Sunday, July 10
8:00am
 Judy Currey, Jim Grillot
10:30am
 Juanita Green, Bob Wesneski
 Nick Conner, Kate Carroll

Coffee Fellowship Hour
July 3
*Volunteer needed**
July 10
 20 yr Reception for Ann Bell
July 17
 Lauren & Juanita Green
 *Please contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or puvey45@gmail.com

St. Luke's Bookstore
The Bookstore is open Sundays between the two services and after the 10:30 service. All proceeds from sales go to St. Luke's Outreach Projects.
 *To volunteer, you may contact Melinda Wesneski, 918-333-7758 or mcwesne@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel
July 3
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
July 10
 Erin & Travis Perry
July 17
 Becky & Brian Olsen

Nursery Volunteers
July 3
 Elizabeth Boyle
July 10
 Natalie Conner
July 17
 Barbara Todd

Bereavement Committee
Team 2
 Barbara Martin, Laura Birk, Thelma Blackburn, Sally Canfield, Debbie Mueggenborg

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
 Please have articles that you would like printed in *The Steeple* to the church office no later than *Tuesdays at 10am.*
Thank you!

Agape Mission
2nd Thursday, July 14, 2016
9-11am
 Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum
10:45am-1pm
 Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Marcia Zervas
1-2:45pm
 Melinda Droege, Miriam Petrovich

Sunday Plate Counters
July 3
 Amy Borg
July 10
 Jim Malone